

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 15-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 15-21 are rejected. Claims 1-6 and 15-21 have been amended. New claims 22-25 have been added, and no new material is added with the addition of these new claims.

5 ***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1-4, 15-18, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Maes et al. (United States Patent number 6,442,251), hereinafter “Maes”. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are patentably distinct from Maes. Regarding claims 1 and 15, Maes lacks any teaching regarding establishing a link
10 between a user interface control of the device and commands in the application programs
using a control file coupled to a software bus, detecting at the software bus user
activation of the user interface control represented on the display, the display displaying a representation of a first screen that corresponds to execution of a first application program, matching a command to the activation of the user interface control associated
15 with the command in response to an indication of the command listed in the control file with indications of the plurality of commands, one of a plurality of object methods, each associated with one and only one of the plurality of commands, responding to a match between the command listed in the control file and the activation of the user interface control, and starting execution of a second application program in response to a command
20 of at least one of the control file and the software bus, and changing the display from
displaying a representation of the first screen to displaying a representation of a second screen in response to the object method, wherein the second screen corresponds to the second application program (emphasis added). For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 15 as amended are not anticipated by Maes.

25 As claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and include further limitations thereon, and amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Maes, Applicants submit that claims 2-4 are not anticipated by Maes. Similarly, as claims 16-18 and 21 depend from claim 15 and include further limitations thereon, and amended claim 15 is not anticipated by Maes, Applicants submit that claims 16-18 and 21 are not anticipated by Maes.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5, 6, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maes and Nomura et al. (United States Patent number 6,658,409), hereinafter “Nomura”. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 19, and 20 would not have been obvious in view of Maes and Nomura.

As described above, Maes and Nomura alone and in combination lack any disclosure, teaching, or suggestion regarding establishing a link between a user interface control of the device and commands in the application programs using a control file coupled to a software bus, detecting at the software bus user activation of the user interface control represented on the display, the display displaying a representation of a first screen that corresponds to execution of a first application program, matching a command to the activation of the user interface control associated with the command in response to an indication of the command listed in the control file with indications of the plurality of commands, one of a plurality of object methods, each associated with one and only one of the plurality of commands, responding to a match between the command listed in the control file and the activation of the user interface control, and starting execution of a second application program in response to a command of at least one of the control file and the software bus, and changing the display from displaying a representation of the first screen to displaying a representation of a second screen in response to the object method, wherein the second screen corresponds to the second application program (emphasis added). For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 19, and 20 would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in view of Maes and/or Nomura.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been overcome, and their withdrawal is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that claims 1-6 and 15-25 are in condition for allowance. The allowance of the claims is earnestly requested. If in the opinion of Examiner Bonshock a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, or if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims, Examiner Bonshock is encouraged to call Rick Gregory at (408) 236-6646.

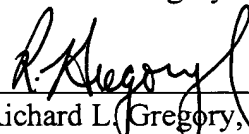
A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith in duplicate for a three-month extension of time.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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